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OUTLINES STUDY OF MAMMALS

"Outlines for Studies of Mammalian Life Histories" is the title of a new publication just issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The author, Dr. Walter P. Taylor, senior biologist of the Bureau of Biological Survey, states that such studies have practical value, as they "are often essential to the prevention and control of animal-borne diseases, the conservation of natural resources, and the elimination of waste and stimulation of production in agriculture, including general farming, horticulture, grazing, and forestry."

Designed to stimulate study of wild life throughout the United States, the new publication is useful chiefly to mammalogists, educational institutions, State game departments, and other agencies concerned with the study or administration of mammals. The bulletin makes suggestions for field observation of mammals and for the recording of many facts that are noticed but ordinarily are not recorded because of their supposed unimportance. The chief topics are the mammal's environment, life history, structure, and behavior, and the relations between lower mammals and man.

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